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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Thompson et al. (US Patent No 6,668,253).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

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The Agent argues that staging tables in the reference are used for transforming and cleansing data coming from multiple systems and the data warehouse database against which the report queries are run has no staging table, while in the claim invention, data accessed by the report query is stored in staging tables. The Agent further argues that a generalized request requires to query directly from a general ledger database and store accessed data in staging tables then report object can get data therefrom. The Examiner maintains that the connection of a financial consolidation application (interpreted as reporting system) to a transformation and staging server which obtains data from data source application and places data into temporary staging table and provides financial reporting data to the financial consolidation application, still reads on the claimed invention (independent claim 1) in terms of broad interpretation of its claim language. The Examiner indicates that claim 1 does not actually claim how report object can access data from staging table which is claimed in the dependent claim 3. The Examiner suggests that adding limitations of claims 2 and 3 to claim 1 can further specify and distinguish the claimed invention.

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